

**Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Division of Building and Fire Regulation
Code Change Process**

New for the 2015 codes is the use of an automated system for submitting proposals known as cdpVA (code development process Virginia). DHCD has partnered with the International Code Council (ICC), which has its cdpACCESS system for submitting proposals to the International Codes. Under an agreement with ICC, the cdpACCESS system has been customized for the Virginia process and renamed cdpVA. More information on cdpVA is available on the cdpVA site itself, which is accessed from the 2015 code change webpage.

Virginia's building and fire codes are actually state regulations, and as such, a formal process is used for updating them to use the latest model codes and standards. That process may be tracked on the website of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget known as the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall, which tracks the entire process including dates for public hearings and public comments periods. The Town Hall also provides links to the publication of the proposed and final stages of the regulation in the Virginia Register, the official state publication for all Virginia regulatory activity.

DHCD uses workgroups to facilitate client group interaction during the code change process. The workgroup meetings and agendas for the 2015 code change process may be found on the 2015 code change process webpage. Workgroup meetings and agendas for the 2012 code change process are maintained on the 2012 code change process webpage.

The Board of Housing and Community Development (the DHCD board responsible for approving the codes) meetings and agendas are also maintained on both the 2015 (for the current cycle) and 2012 (archived from last cycle) code change process webpages.

DHCD also posts important notices and dates from Town Hall on the 2015 code change process webpage for convenience, but the full process and official information is maintained on Town Hall.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to staff of the State Building Codes Office at sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov, or by calling (804) 371-7150.